

December 1, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, December 2, 2004 @ 9:00AM

For
2 Days

Weather Permitting

**120th Street Entrance Ramp to
Westbound West Dodge Road will be Closed.**

This Ramp Closure is necessary to relocate pavement markings.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

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December 10, 2004

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New Transportation Enhancement Projects Awarded

The Nebraska Department of Roads announced today that a total of \$5,177,042 has been awarded for 16 community and agency projects, statewide, through the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program.

According to Roads Director John Craig, "Many positive things are being done in Nebraska as a result of the Transportation Enhancement Program. Since 1993, the Department of Roads has awarded \$70 million for 530 transportation enhancement projects across the state. These projects are making a significant contribution to the quality of life in Nebraska communities --- from the smallest village to the largest city." Transportation Enhancement dollars have been spent in 1 of every 3 Nebraska communities.

The Transportation Enhancement Program, part of the federal highway bill, provides funding to local, state, and regional governmental entities to construct and restore transportation infrastructure that are not eligible to be funded through other programs. Examples of transportation infrastructure projects that are eligible under this program include non-motorized facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, development of scenic byways, restoration of historic transportation facilities, and other projects directly related to the historic, current, or future transportation infrastructure.

The 16 projects recommended by the Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee total \$5,177,042. Following is a list of brief descriptions of the 16 successful projects receiving funding:

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE / UNL STATEWIDE ARBORETUM

The Nebraska Forest Service and University of Nebraska-Lincoln was awarded \$350,000 in funding for continuation of the Nebraska Community Enhancement Program. This program provides funds to communities and other public entities in Nebraska for landscaping projects that improve transportation corridors.

COWBOY TRAIL SURFACING PROGRAM

The Nebraska Game & Parks Commission was awarded \$645,000 in funding to surface 21.5 miles of the Cowboy Trail from Stuart to Bassett completing 135 continuous miles of trail. Established in 1999, this set-aside program allows the Department of Roads to annually approve funding up to 10 percent of Transportation Enhancement funds for surfacing of the Cowboy Trail.

SHERIDAN COUNTY BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Sheridan County was awarded \$57,011 for analysis, design and retrofitting of the historic Colclessor Bridge over the Niobrara River. Funding for this project will achieve three objectives. First, the analysis, design, and retrofitting will increase the load carrying capacity from 5 tons to approximately 18 tons. The second objective is to build on research previously conducted on historic truss bridges by the University of Nebraska. This research is intended to establish methods to increase the load-carrying capacity of historic bridges thereby saving counties money on bridge replacement and preserving these historic structures. Another goal of this project is to develop informational literature about the repair techniques that will be distributed through the University of Nebraska's Technology Squared program so that other counties can take advantage of this technology. Sheridan County is providing a cash match of \$17,500.

WINNEBAGO HO-CHUNK VILLAGE TRAIL

The Village of Winnebago was awarded \$190,085 for engineering and construction of a one-half mile long, 10-foot wide concrete trail located on the west side of Highway US-75/77. The trail starts at the intersection of US-75/77 and Mathewson Avenue immediately across from the Winnebago Public School. The trail proceeds north on the east side of the highway making a connection with new commercial and residential developments in Ho-Chunk Village. The Village of Winnebago is providing a local cash match of \$47,521.

PLATTE RIVER TRAIL - PHASE 3

The Papio-Missouri River NRD was awarded \$500,000 for construction of a 4.5 miles long 10' wide limestone trail. The trail begins near the Springfield soccer complex and follow Springfield Creek north for approximately one-half mile. At this point the trail will begin to parallel Highway 50 and be located within the highway right of way. The trail will end at the intersection of Highway 50 and Highway 370. The trail will be constructed by the Department of Roads under an agreement with the Papio-Missouri River NRD as a portion of the Highway 50 reconstruction project scheduled for 2005. The Papio-Missouri River NRD is providing a cash match of \$322,068.

RAVENNA TRAIL

The City of Ravenna was awarded \$500,000 for engineering and construction of a one-mile long, 8-foot wide concrete trail. The purpose of the project is to connect the Buffalo County Recreation Area to downtown Ravenna. The trail begins at Nebraska Highway 68, where the trail will connect to an 8-foot wide sidewalk being constructed by the Nebraska Department of Roads as part of a highway improvement project scheduled for 2005. The improvement of Nebraska Highway 68 includes a new overpass over the Burlington Northern Railroad, which will have provisions for pedestrians and cyclists, and connects to downtown Ravenna. The trail extends eastward and crosses the South Loup River on a new pedestrian bridge. The trail ends at the Buffalo County Recreation Area. The City of Ravenna is providing a local cash match of \$162,398.

UNL EAST CAMPUS HUNTINGTON - LEIGHTON TRAIL

The University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL) was awarded \$402,139 for engineering and construction of a 10-foot wide, one-mile long trail in Lincoln. The proposed trail is located on the East Campus of UNL and will follow the south side of Huntington and Leighton Avenues from North 33rd Street to North 48th Street. The trail will include two pedestrian bridges to span Deadmans Run and a nearby tributary. The University will install plantings along the trail corridor and is providing a cash match of \$268,100 to help construct the trail.

SPRINGFIELD TRAIL & TRAILHEAD

The City of Springfield was awarded \$113,324 for engineering and construction of an 1,800-foot long, 10-foot wide concrete trail. The project also includes a concrete parking area that will serve as a trailhead for trail users. The project is phase 1 of Springfield's two-phase trail plan to connect with the 60-mile Lincoln to Omaha regional trail system. The Springfield trail will begin at the trailhead parking area and extend northward under Platteview Road. The trail will follow the west bank of Springfield Creek adjacent to the Southern Sarpy Athletic Program Soccer Complex. The trail will then connect to a trail to be constructed by the Papio-Missouri River NRD as part of the Highway 50 improvement project. The Highway #50 trail was also funded through the Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Program and is scheduled for construction in 2005. The City of Springfield is providing a local cash match of \$28,331.

OMAHA TURNER BOULEVARD TRAIL

The City of Omaha was awarded \$478,282 for engineering and construction of a 1.4 mile, 8-foot wide concrete trail. The trail begins at Turner Park near 30th & Dodge Street and will parallel Turner Boulevard connecting to Dewey Park, Leavenworth Park, and the existing Field Club Trail as the end point. The trail is located in midtown Omaha, which consists of mixed residential housing, offices, and commercial and retail stores. The City of Omaha is providing a local cash match of \$119,571.

MISSOURI RIVER TRAIL

The Papio-Missouri River NRD was awarded \$500,000 for engineering and construction of a 1.5 mile, 10-foot wide concrete trail. The project will begin at N.P. Dodge Park, at the end of Back to the River Phase I, and extend northward along John J. Pershing Drive and North River Road to the Douglas/Washington County line. A future phase of this trail will extend another mile north where it will connect to the recently completed Washington County Road P-57 Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge Trail. The Papio-Missouri River NRD is providing a cash match of \$531,524.

PLATTE RIVER TRAIL - PHASE 1

The Papio-Missouri River NRD was awarded \$500,000 for construction of a 5-mile segment in the 60-mile Lincoln to Omaha regional trail system. The trail will consist of 10-foot wide limestone and begins at the existing trailhead of the Mopac-Louisville to Springfield trail. This recently constructed trailhead is adjacent the Highway 50 bridge over the Platte River. The trail will extend 5 miles west on the south side of Highway 31 and connect to the Lied Platte River Bridge trailhead. The Papio-Missouri River NRD is providing a cash match of \$798,337.

FAIRBURY DOWNTOWN HISTORICAL LIGHTING

The City of Fairbury was awarded \$142,400 for purchase and installation of 36 historic replica lights in the historic Jefferson County Courthouse square. The courthouse and surrounding business district are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Historic photographs of the courthouse district were used to select historically accurate replica poles and lights. Installation of historic replica light poles is part of a larger downtown improvement project being undertaken by the City of Fairbury. The city has received a Public Works grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. This project is scheduled for construction in 2005 and will remove and replace existing water lines, storm sewer and curb and gutters. Existing sidewalks will be removed and reconstructed to allow greater accessibility to the store entrances around the courthouse square. The City will coordinate the lighting project with the downtown improvement project to maximize cost efficiencies. The City of Fairbury is providing a local cash match of \$35,600.

SUTTON SCHOOL CREEK TRAIL

The City of Sutton was awarded \$151,800 for engineering and construction of a 10-foot wide, concrete trail. The proposed trail will be approximately one-half a mile in length and will be an extension of an existing trail. The existing trail, also funded through the Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Program in 1994, begins at the north end of the City's business district and travels through the City Park, ending near the new aquatic center. The new trail will extend north, crossing a city street into an area that was previously used as the City's golf course. The trail will proceed around a new housing development, and end at the Sutton K-12 Public School. The City of Sutton is providing a local cash match of \$37,950.

WEEPING WATER TRAIL

The City of Weeping Water was awarded \$311,526 for engineering and construction of a 3,000 foot long concrete trail. The proposed trail will begin at the public swimming pool and will travel east along the north side of Weeping Water Creek. The trail will then turn south through town and connect to the Weeping Water Public School. The trail terminates at the track, football, and soccer field complex. The City will incorporate a state historical bridge that will cross Weeping Water Creek just north of the public swimming pool. The City of Weeping Water will provide \$77,882 in local cash match.

RALSTON CONNECTOR TRAIL - PHASE 2 (EAST)

The City of Ralston was awarded \$119,610 for engineering and construction of a 1,300-foot section of their Phase 2 trail system. This east segment connects to the Big Papio Trail near 72nd Street and extends south where it will connect to the Phase 1 trail at 72nd and Main Street. The City of Ralston also received funds last August from the Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Program to complete a second trail segment (west), which begins at 78th Street in Wildewood Park. This segment extends west through the park and follows an abandoned portion of the MoPac rail corridor. The trail will cross the Ralston Creek and pass below 84th Street and end at a cul-de-sac within a commercial area just west of 84th. The City of Ralston is providing a local cash match of \$29,903 for the east section of the Phase 2 trail.

ARLINGTON TRAIL

The Village of Arlington was awarded \$215,865 for engineering and construction of an 8-foot wide concrete trail that will be approximately one-mile in length. The trail begins at the City Park, travels north along the existing baseball fields to the new Two Rivers Ball Field Complex, which is currently under construction. It will follow along the west side of the new ball complex parking area and then turn west at Bell Street. The trail will travel along Bell Street, past a new housing addition, and end at the Arlington Public School. The Village of Arlington will be providing a local cash match of \$53,966.

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Additional Projects Selected Pending Available Funding

The Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee endorsed, and Roads Director John Craig approved, the following four project proposals **for conditional approval pending available funding**. The following four projects recommended by the Selection Committee total \$1,468,040:

BEATRICE HOMESTEAD TRAIL - PICKRELL TO BEATRICE

The City of Beatrice was awarded \$500,000 for engineering and construction of a 7-mile segment of the regionally planned Homestead Trail. The 55-mile Homestead Trail is located on the former Union Pacific (U.P.) Railroad line between Lincoln and Marysville, Kansas. The Lincoln to Princeton segment of the Homestead trail was funded this past summer as part of the 2003 Transportation Enhancement selection cycle. Plans call for the development of three additional segments, which will eventually complete the trail to Marysville. When completed, the Homestead Trail will link eight Nebraska communities, including Lincoln and Beatrice. This proposed phase of the trail will be 10-foot wide with crushed limestone or concrete surfacing placed over the existing railroad ballast. Crushed limestone will be used within the rural areas and concrete will be used within the City of Beatrice and Village of Pickrell. All bridges will have wood railings installed and those without a ballast surface will receive a wood deck surface. Bollards will be installed at the intersection of all county roads. The City of Beatrice is providing \$100,000 in railbank match and a local cash match of \$37,710.

GRAND ISLAND RIVER WAY TRAIL

The City of Grand Island was awarded \$347,907 for engineering and construction of a 1.8 mile, 10-foot wide concrete trail. The project begins at the northeast corner of Hall County Park and extends eastward on top of a recently completed levee that is part of the Wood River flood diversion project. The trail intersects with Locust Street, crosses at grade, and then turns north where it will connect to a 1/4 mile long trail being developed as part of a Wal-Mart retail outlet. The City of Grand Island is providing a local cash match of \$86,977.

ANTELOPE CREEK TRAIL - PHASE 2

The City of Lincoln was awarded \$445,743 for engineering and construction of a 2-mile long, 10-foot wide concrete trail in east Lincoln. The trail is an extension of the existing Billy Wolff Trail; Lincoln's oldest trail which follows the Antelope Creek drainage basin. This funding award for Phase 2 of the Antelope Creek Trail consists of completing surfacing from 86th and Old Cheney to Highway #2. Phase 1 of the Antelope Creek Trail was funded through the Transportation Enhancement Program in 2003 and will begin in the Holmes Park Dog Run near 70th Street and extend in a southeast direction to 86th and Old Cheney Road. When both phases are complete, the City will have developed an east-west trail route that spans from the University of Nebraska campus at 19th & Vine Street (via Billy Wolff Trail) to the southeast entrance of the City at Highway #2. The City of Lincoln will provide a local cash match of \$111,436.

CUMING COUNTY - BANCROFT HISTORICAL BRIDGE RELOCATION

Cuming County was awarded \$174,390 for the removal, rehabilitation and installation of the historic Rattle Creek Bridge. The bridge will be moved from its current location three miles northwest of Bancroft to the West Point City Park. The bridge currently carries a minimum maintenance road that is used as a field entrance. The bridge does not allow farm equipment to cross because of the narrow roadway between the truss members. The City of West Point wants to preserve the bridge and use it to provide emergency and pedestrian access within the park boundaries. Cuming County will provide a cash match of \$43,598.

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For additional information please contact:

R. James Pearson, Enhancement Program Coordinator, (402) 479-4881, or John Kay at (402) 476-7331.

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December 10, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting December 17, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska. This meeting is preceded by their educational briefing and discussion, held in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend. A copy of the meeting agenda can be obtained from the Executive Secretary for the Commission, Room 105, Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebraska by calling (402) 479-4530 or by checking the NDOR website at www.dor.state.ne.us.

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Agenda Below

Agenda

Friday, December 17, 2004

Nebraska Department of Roads • Central Complex • 1500 Hwy 2 • Lincoln NE 68502



8:30 a.m. Educational Briefing and Discussion – Director’s Conference Room
10:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103

Call to Order: Chair, Ronald W. Books, District 6

Roll Call

Approval: November 2004 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements

Old Business/New Business

Agenda Topics:

NDOR’s Automated Permit System – Ellis Tompkins, Engineer, NDOR’s Rail and Transportation Division and Ron Kontos, Manager, NDOR’s Motor Carrier Permits
Questions/Comments

Relinquishment Approval:

- 1) N-64 (*one way*) Burt Street, Omaha – Tim Weander, District 2 Engineer
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Public Meeting Schedule

January 6, 2005 (Reiser)
“In Plattsmouth”, Control No. 21992
Information Meeting, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Community Center, Plattsmouth, Nebraska

January 19, 2005 (Reiser)
“Murray-Plattsmouth”, Control No. 21209
Information Meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Community Center, Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, January 28, 2005, 10:00 a.m.
NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, Nebraska

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Discussion

Friday, December 17, 2004

**8:30 a.m., NDOR Director's Conference Room
NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, NE**

Agenda

Explanation of Commission Office Renovation – Deputy John Jacobsen
(see attached floor plan)

Relinquishment

Burt Street, Omaha, NE, District 2, N-64 – Commissioner Reiser and Deputy Monty Fredrickson

Discussion: Highway 18, District 7

Commissioner Wolford

Discussion: Highway Trust Fund Allocations

Director John Craig

Continued Discussion – “Kearney Interchange”

Commissioner Wanitschke and Deputy Monty Fredrickson

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

December 14, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Midwest Regional High Speed Rail Initiative Executive Report Released

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is pleased to announce the release of the Midwest Regional Rail System (MWRRS) Executive Report. The executive report is a collaborative effort of the nine Midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin and serves as an update to the prior report released in 2000 with current forecasts concerning costs and ridership.

The vision of the MWRRS is to reflect a fundamental change in the manner in which passenger rail service is provided throughout the Midwest. Using modern trains traveling up to 110 mph on mostly existing rail systems, the MWRRS would connect nine Midwest states to serve their growing populations. With Chicago as its hub, this initiative is expected to carry over 13 million passengers annually by 2025.

The plan is proposed to be implemented over a 10-year period with a total capital cost of \$7.7 billion -- \$6.6 billion for track and signal improvements and \$1.1 billion for state of the art train equipment. Additional Federal funds will be required for implementation of the plan.

The Executive Report is available on our website at www.nebraskatransportation.org/docs/mwrri-final.pdf.

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For additional information contact:

Ellis Tompkins, Rail and Public Transportation Engineer, (402) 479-3797.

NR817

December 16, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Bid Letting Postponed on Highway 4 Project West of Lawrence

The proposed bid letting date on the Highway 4, Lawrence West, project has been postponed from August 2005 to a planned letting date of June 2006, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The anticipated date for work on this project has also been delayed to mid-summer 2006.

Most of the right-of-way for this project has been purchased. Current plans call for staking the right-of-way in late summer or early fall of 2005. If possible, fields that have crops would be staked after fall harvest. Any utility work that needs to be done would begin after all right-of-way staking has been completed. If any affected property owner wished their right of way staked earlier, they could contact the project manager, Lyle Kohmetscher, at the DOR Hastings Office, (402) 462-1996.

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For additional information contact:

Lyle Kohmetscher in Hastings, (402) 462-1996.
STPD-4-4(106)

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**Notice of Highway Design Hearing
Murray to Plattsmouth
January 19, 2005, 7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding Project NH-75-2(128), known as "Murray to Plattsmouth," on January 19, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 625 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Jan. 19, 2005
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Community Center
625 Avenue A
Plattsmouth, Nebr.

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a highway design public hearing regarding reconstruction of U.S. Highway 75 between Murray and Plattsmouth.

The proposed improvement of U.S. 75, identified as Project NH-75-2(128) and known as **Murray to Plattsmouth**, involves reconstructing about 7 miles of the two-lane highway into a four-lane expressway. The driving lanes will be separated by a raised median.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures, bridges, a railroad viaduct, lighting, and traffic signals where warranted.

The project begins just south of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 1 and ends just south of the Oak Hill/Avenue B intersection in Plattsmouth. Intersecting roads will be reconstructed as part of the project.

U.S. 75 will remain open to traffic during construction. Temporary roads around work zones will be used during some phases of construction.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Control of access to the highway will be perpetuated.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for about 1.8 acres. Replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at the Lincoln Bend Bank Site located along the Missouri River near Indian Cave State Park in

Nemaha County.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about design features of the project. All people are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Written statements and exhibits may be presented at the hearing, and they will be accepted as part of the public record for 10 days after the hearing.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Jan. 5, 2005.

Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 3 - 5 p.m. for an informal discussion of any aspect of the project.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one about the proposed improvements.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 2 Office located at 4425 S. 108th St. in Omaha, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at on the internet at www.dor.state.ne.us.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Dawn Allyn in Lincoln at (402) 479-4663 or Tony Kessler in Lincoln at (402) 479-3994.

**Notice of Information Open House
US-34/75 & 8th Ave., Plattsmouth
January 6, 2005, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project MISC-34-7(1025), known as US-34/75 & 8th Ave., Plattsmouth," on January 6, 2005, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 625 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Jan. 6, 2005
Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Place: Community Center
625 Avenue A
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding reconstruction of a segment of U.S. Highway 34 at Plattsmouth.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the proposed project. NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

The proposed improvement, identified as Project MISC-34-7(1025) and known as **US-34/75 & 8th Ave., Plattsmouth**, includes about ½ mile of highway just east of the intersection with U.S. Highway 75.

The project involves lowering and reconstructing U.S. 34 to match U.S. 75 when it is reconstructed into a four-lane expressway. Portions of 2nd Avenue South and 8th Avenue will be realigned and reconstructed as part of the project.

During construction, traffic on U.S. 34 will be detoured using the old U.S. 34 route on Chicago Avenue and S. 15th Street. Access to area businesses and to the high school

will be maintained during construction, which will be scheduled to occur during the summer.

Additional property must be acquired from the high school for public right-of-way. Temporary easements for construction also must be acquired from landowners along the project. Access control to the highway will be perpetuated.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Dec. 23, 2004.

Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 2 Office located at 4425 S. 108th St. in Omaha, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available on the internet at www.dor.state.ne.us.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Don Turek, Roadway Design Division, in Lincoln at (402) 479-4441.

December 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House January 6 for Hwy. 34 Improvements at Plattsmouth

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, January 6, regarding reconstruction of a segment of U.S. Highway 34 at Plattsmouth. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center, 625 Avenue A, in Plattsmouth.

The proposed improvement includes about ½ mile of highway just east of the intersection with U.S. Highway 75. The project involves lowering and reconstructing U.S. 34 to match U.S. 75 when it is reconstructed into a four-lane expressway. Portions of 2nd Avenue South and 8th Avenue will be realigned and reconstructed as part of the project.

During construction, traffic on U.S. 34 will be detoured using the old U.S. 34 route on Chicago Avenue and S. 15th Street. Access to area businesses and to the high school will be maintained during construction, which will be scheduled to occur during the summer.

Additional property must be acquired from the high school for public right-of-way. Temporary easements for construction also must be acquired from landowners along the project. Access control to the highway will be perpetuated.

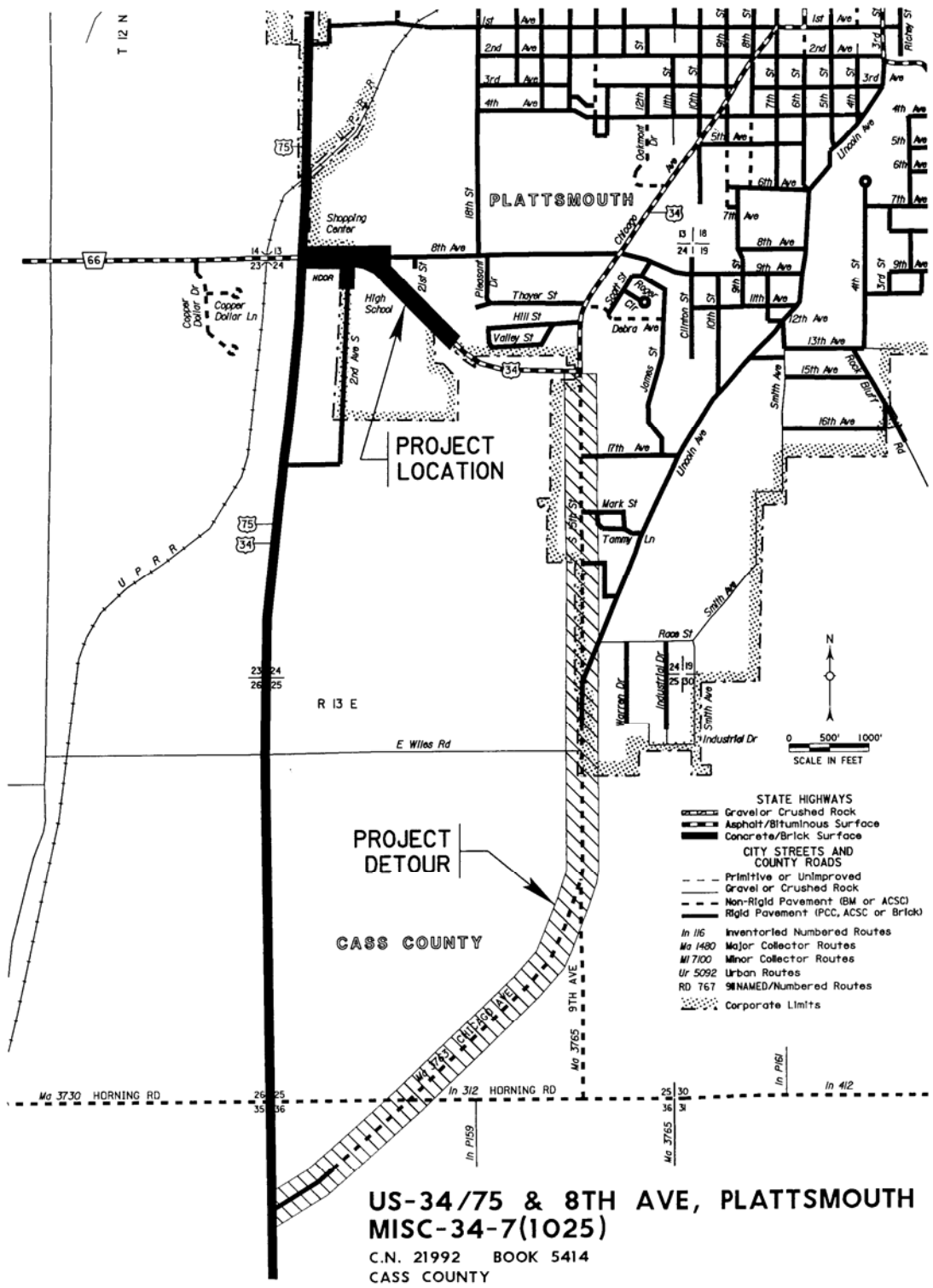
Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one about the project. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR personnel will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 2 Office, 4425 S. 108th Street, in Omaha, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available on the internet at <http://www.nebraskatransportation.org/news/news%20releases/current-month/notice-boxed-US-34-7588-12-15-04.pdf>

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For additional information contact:

Don Turek, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4441.



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December 29, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Sunday, January 2, 2005 @ 6:30PM until Monday, January 3, 2005 @ 6:00AM
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Monday, January 3, 2005 @ 10:00PM until Tuesday, January 4, 2005 @ 6:00AM
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Tuesday, January 4, 2005 @ 10:00PM until Wednesday, January 5, 2005 @ 6:00AM
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Wednesday, January 5, 2005 @ 10:00PM until Thursday, January 6, 2005 @ 6:00AM
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Thursday, January 6, 2005 @ 10:00PM until Friday, January 7, 2005 @ 6:00AM

**Westbound Hwy US-6 (West Dodge Road) will be CLOSED
between 114th Street & 120th Street.**

These Closures are necessary to erect Bridge Girders between 114th Street & 120th Street for the Westbound Elevated Expressway Bridge.

Note: 114th Street will remain open. Westbound West Dodge traffic must turn right or left at 114th Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE

District Construction Engineer

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